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NOTE FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Robert M. Gates

I forward this package to you grasped delicately between thumb and forefinger and with arm extended. The look on my face is one of unbridled suspicion and wonder. CIA has decided for the time being to try to handle [redacted] effort with the assignment of one full-time professional, within existing slot allocations, and working with existing line components. I realize that this approach probably is not adequate for the Community but, reading as a historian, I detect herein and in other materials forwarded by the same author the foundation of an empire that could eventually rival Rome itself. Seriously, it seems to me that personnel and the staff support structure for this undertaking are getting pretty far out ahead of money that has been made available and work that can be done.



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